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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<p align="center"><b>Office Action Summary</b></p>	<p>Application No.</p> <p align="center">10/607,681</p>	<p>Applicant(s)</p> <p align="center">TIESLER ET AL.</p>	
	<p>Examiner</p> <p align="center">Guiyoung Lee</p>	<p>Art Unit</p> <p align="center">2875</p>	

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**Period for Reply**

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

**Status**

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on \_\_\_\_.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**.                      2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                        | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)                     |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)               | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.  |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| Paper No(s)/Mail Date <u>0603</u> .  | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ____.                                    |

## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-6 and 8-14 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Pederson (US 6,462,669 B1).

3. Re claims 1 and 8: Pederson discloses a modular light assembly having a common printed circuit board base (238 in Fig. 19 and 280 in Fig. 23), one of a first and a second illumination source, wherein the first and the second illumination sources are of different types (See 240 in Fig. 19), a mounting bracket (340 in Fig. 41) for attaching the illumination source to the printed circuit board base. Further, Pederson discloses a method of installing the modular light assembly in a vehicle comprising a step of mounting the modular light assembly onto the trim bezels (392 in Fig. 26).

Re claims 2-3, 9-10: Pederson discloses the electrical circuit having an electrical wire (242) and an electrically conductive trace.

Re claims 4, 11: Pederson discloses light emitting diodes (240) and incandescent bulbs (226).

Re claims 5, 12: Pederson discloses a switch (50 in Fig. 34).

Re claims 6, 13: Pederson discloses that the common printed circuit board base is integrally formed with a vehicle wiring harness assembly (col. 19, lines 52++).

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Re claim 14: Pederson discloses a method of installing a wiring harness assembly in a vehicle comprising the steps of assembling a wiring harness assembly comprising a plurality of wires (202 in Fig. 17), connectors (40), and light assemblies (200), wherein the connectors and the light assemblies are connected to ends of the wires (See Fig. 17); and subsequently installing the wiring harness assembly into a vehicle component, such that the light assemblies can be mounted to trim bezels (392) (col. 19, lines 1-5).

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 7 and 15-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pederson as applied to claims 1 and 14 above, and further in view of Barnett et al. (US 6,541,800 B2). The teachings of Pederson have been discussed above.

Re claims 7 and 15-20: Pederson does not disclose a plurality of outwardly extending mounting fingers of the trim bezels. However, Barnett teaches a plurality of outwardly extending mounting fingers (54 in Fig. 5) of the trim bezels (40). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to employ Barnett's mounting fingers onto Pederson's trim bezels in order to provide a easy connection to the trim bezels.

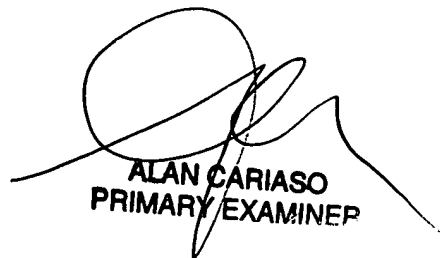
***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Guiyoung Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2374. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on 571-272-2378. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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